A WELL-LAID PLAN.

Young Mr. Tawker was going over his New Year's accounts. His countenance betrayed a fact he would never confess to Angelica—that love in a cottage is much more expensive on paper bearing the head work of grocer butcher than on that on which the young couples make their calculations.

Angelica, perfectly aware of this fact, had considerately left the room; when the bill : were put away she returned.
"Algeraon." she said, "we really must

make some New Year's gifts."

"Bat, dear, we really must econo-

"l'ut see what a splendid plan I've devised. You know we received some lovely things when we were married?" "Mostly useless ones, though."

The more suitable for presents.
Well, I've decided to -- you'll never guess-to use some of them for New Year's gifts."

"What a head you have! But you must be careful,"

"I will. I remember just who gave each one.

"Let's do them up at once, then."

"This handkerchief case was from Dora; it is too limp to use, so I'll give



"YOU ARE A MANAGER, ANGELICA."

it to Eva. Having so many babies, she never goes anywhere, so she'll think it the latest style."

'Splendid!"

"Isn't it? This pickle easter Effic gave us; that can go to Fanny—they don't speak, so Effle will never see it. "You are a manager."

"Now this Mrs. Sharpleigh-I want her to ask me to assist at her reception, so I'll give her the cut-glass bowl that is too large for our table. Let me see, it was from Sue, or was it Mr. Smith? No matter which; it looks handsome.

"The very idea! I have to pass Eva's and can deliver her present."

"Good. I'll take Mrs. Sharpleigh's myself-will be a good chance for her to ask me about the reception."

Mr. Tawker, coming home with a long countenance, found his wife in the

"Did you deliver Eva's present?" she asked in an anxious tone, "and was it all right?"

"I'm afraid not. Dora was there, and she recognized it by a place inside where the silk was stained."

"Oh, mercy!" she burst into tears; "what shall I do?"

"Was Mrs. Sharpleigh pleased?"

"O, Algernon, how shall I ever tell you? It was the very bowl she had given us herself-she recognized it by a tiny flaw in the bottom; she says she will never speak to me again as long as she lives!"

GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT.



She-I hear you got a little brother for a New Year's present. Ain't yer glad?

He-Naw!

She-Did yer want a sister?

He-Naw. I didn't want no brudder nor no sister neider. I wanted a fight-in' dorg an' a pair o' skates!—Lifé.

The Wife.

On New Year's, when she hears him say He'll swear off every fault, She takes it in a quiet way, And with a grain of sait.

-Judge.

JOHNNY'S NEW YEAR'S DREAM.



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